GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Allegation of certain irregularities in purchase of stationery and printing of Tender Schedules and misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,23,97,462/- Sri N. Venugopala Rao, Draughtsman(Retd), erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality - kept under suspension – Departmental enquiry conducted – Charges Proved - Regularization of suspension period as "Not on Duty – Orders – Issued.

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4. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, departmental action has been initiated against Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Work inspector and Draughtsman (i/c) on the irregularities of funds in printing of tender schedules and found gross misappropriation of funds in Gajuwaka Municipality. In the reference 8th read above, the Enquiry Officer in his report held that the charges framed against Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Work Inspector and Draughtsman (i/c) are held proved.

5. Government after examining the Enquiry Report duly accepting the findings of the Enquiry Officer, a copy of the Enquiry Report has been communicated to Sri N.Venugopala Rao, the then Draughtsman, for submission of his written representation, if any on the findings of the Enquiry Officer, in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Vide reference 10th read above.

6. Whereas, in the reference 11th read above, a copy of the Enquiry Report was communicated to the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration with a request to furnish the details of misappropriated amount and also state from whom the said amount has to be recovered.

7. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above , Sri N. Venugopala Rao, the then Draughtsman has submitted his written representation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer, wherein he stated that the charges framed against him are vague and baseless and he has not done any financial irregularities and requested to drop further action against him.

8. Whereas, in the reference 13th read above, the Director of Municipal Administration has furnished the report submitted by the RDMA, Rajahmundry on the misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,23,97,462/- towards purchase of stationery items in erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality now merged into Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

9. Accordingly Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of proportionate share 60% of the total misappropriation of Rs.1,23,97,462/- i.e. Rs.74,38,477/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9(7) of APRP Rules, 1980. In the reference 13th read above, a Show Cause Notice as required under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 has been issued for submission of his representation if any thereon within (15) days).

10. Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Draughtsman (Retd.) has filed a W.P. for treating the suspension period under FR. 54.B in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. While disposing the Contempt Case in CA.No.2014 of 2015 in W.PNo.19189 of 2014, the Hon'ble High Court has directed the respondent to take appropriate decision under FR 54-B within a maximum period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

11. Whereas in the reference 11th read above, Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Work Inspector Draughtsman (i/c) (now retired) has submitted a representation to Government with a request to regularize the suspension period.

12. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the circumstances stated above, hereby regularize the suspension period of Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Draughtsman (Retd.) from 08-02-2008 to 07-12-2012 as "Not on Duty" under FR.54(B)(5) and (7).

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14. The Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri N.Venugopala Rao, Draughtsman (Retd.)
through the Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam
The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
Copy to
The Director of Municipal Administration, Gorantla, Guntur.
The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Government Pleader for MA&UD (Ser)
The A.P. High Court, (w.r.t. C.A.No.2014of 2015 in
W.P.No.19189 of 2014)
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., Hyderabad.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER